

2011 All-Great West Media Football Teams Released

Southern Utah leads with 12 first-team selections

Lancaster, S.C. – For the second year in a row Southern Utah led All-Conference selections and dominated the individual awards. They took home three of the major individual awards led by Offensive Player of the Year, quarterback Brad Sorensen, Special Teams Player of the Year, kick returner Austin Minefee, and Freshman of the Year, wide receiver Brady Measom. Other award winners included South Dakota linebacker Adam Broders, named Defensive Player of the Year, South Dakota offensive tackle Tom Compton, named Offensive Lineman of the Year, and North Dakota's Chris Mussman who hauled in Coach of the Year accolades.

Sorensen, a 6-5 225-pound junior, repeated as first-team All-GWFC after throwing for 3,143 yards and 17 touchdowns. His completions (288) and attempts (425) were school records, while his passing yards were just 20 yards shy of the record he established last year. He ranked 8th nationally in completions (26.18 cpg), 9th in passing yards (285.83 ypg) and 12th in total offense (281.27 ypg) after the regular season.

Broders, a 6-2 227-pound senior repeated first-team honors like Sorensen, finished with a league-high 102 total tackles while leading the league with three interceptions, including one returned 66 yards for a touchdown. He also totaled 9.5 tackles for loss, four sacks, one pass breakup, and one forced fumble in 10 games.

Minifee, a 5-10 195-pound senior, was a second-team selection at running back last year but was dynamic on special teams in 2011 as he became the first player in league history to be named player of the week multiple times in two categories. He finished 7th in the nation in kickoff return average, at 29.24 ypr, and returned two for touchdowns.

Measom, a 5-9 165-pound freshman, took home Freshman of the Year honors and was named second-team All-GWFC after he finished third in receptions per game with 4.4 and totaled 547 yards and two touchdowns. He was added to the Jerry Rice Watch List, which recognizes the top freshman in the nation by The Sports Network, after he had a league-best 11 catches for 93 yards in the South Dakota game.

Compton, a 6'6 314-pound senior left tackle, is considered by many to be the best NFL prospect at tackle in FCS and is a repeat first-team selection. Compton led the #2 rushing offense in the GWFC as they totaled 158.2 yards per game. Compton could be a top 150 selection in the 2012 NFL Draft.

North Dakota's Chris Mussman took home Coach of the Year honors after leading the Fighting Sioux to a share of the GWFC title, after a 3-8 record last year and posting a 8-3 mark this season. Two of his losses were against FBS teams.

Below are the complete awards:

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS:

OFFENSE: QB Brad Sorensen, Southern Utah, Jr., 6-5, 225

DEFENSE: ILB Adam Broders, South Dakota, Sr., 6-2, 227

SPECIAL TEAMS: KR Austin Minefee, Southern Utah, Sr., 5-10, 195

OFFENSIVE LINE: LT Tom Compton, South Dakota, Sr., 6-6, 314

FRESHMAN: WR Brady Measom, Southern Utah, 5-9, 165

COACH: Chris Mussman, North Dakota

One player earned unanimous All-GWFC honors in Cal Poly FB Jake Romanelli.

2011 GWFC MEDIA ALL-CONFERENCE BALLOT

FIRST TEAM

OFFENSE

WR Greg Hardin, North Dakota, Soph., 5-11, 184
WR Will Powell, South Dakota, Jr., 6-1, 206
TE Abbel Aiono, Southern Utah, Sr., 6-3, 265
OT Tom Compton, South Dakota, Sr., 6-6, 314
OT Scott Winnewisser, Cal Poly, Sr., 6-5, 285
OG Sean Davies, UC Davis, Jr., 6-4, 290
OG Zach Brackus, Southern Utah, Jr., 6-5, 325
C Gavin Farr, Southern Utah, Jr. 6-3, 300
Tie Ray Wilburn, UC Davis, Jr., 6-2, 280

QB Brad Sorensen, Southern Utah, Jr., 6-5, 225
RB Jake Miller, North Dakota, Soph., 5-11, 167
RB Austin Minefee, Southern Utah, Sr., 5-10, 195
FB *Jake Romanelli, Cal Poly, Sr., 6-3, 240

DEFENSE

DE Tyler Osborne, Southern Utah, Sr., 6-2, 245
DE Tyler Starr, South Dakota, Soph., 6-5, 236
DT Cody Larsen, Southern Utah, Jr., 6-4, 272
DT Erich Klemme, Cal Poly, Sr., 6-2, 270
OLB Blake Fenn, Southern Utah, Sr., 6-1, 224
OLB Shea Williams, South Dakota, Sr., 6-2, 224
ILB Adam Broders, South Dakota, Sr., 6-2, 227
ILB Chad Hansen, Southern Utah, Soph., 6-3, 225
CB Asa Jackson, Cal Poly, Sr., 5-11, 190
CB Dion Turner, Southern Utah, Sr., 6-0, 195
FS Greg Francis, Cal Poly, Sr., 6-1, 190
SS Erron Vonner, Southern Utah, Sr., 5-11, 188

SPECIAL TEAMS

K Kevin Robb, South Dakota, Soph., 5-9, 185
P Cole Zwiefelhofer, South Dakota, Jr., 6-3, 208
KR Austin Minefee, Southern Utah, Sr., 5-10, 195
PR Asa Jackson, Cal Poly, Sr., 5-11, 190
LS Troy Shotwell, Cal Poly, Sr., 6-3, 240

* Unanimous

HONORABLE MENTION

QB: Dante Warren, South Dakota, Sr., 6-0, 201
FB: Catlin Solum, North Dakota, Sr., 5-10, 218
TE: Jay Burns, South Dakota, Jr., 6-4, 245
OT: Art Munoz, Cal Poly, Sr., 6-2, 275; Robert Ayotte, UC Davis, Sr., 6-5, 295
OG: Trevor Schauerhamer, Southern Utah, Sr., 6-5, 324
DE: Ross Brenneman, North Dakota, Jr., 6-4, 254
DT: Devin Benjamin, North Dakota, Jr., 6-3, 297; Andrew Benjamin, UC Davis, Jr., 6-1, 270
OLB: Byron Gruendl, UC Davis, Jr., 6-2, 200

SECOND TEAM

OFFENSE

WR Tom Hemmingsen, UC Davis, Soph., 5-10, 175
WR Brady Measom, Southern Utah, Fr., 5-9, 165
TE Seth Wisthoff, North Dakota, Jr., 6-4, 268
OT Brandon Beddes, Southern Utah, Sr., 6-5, 312
OT Connor McKendry, North Dakota, Sr., 6-4, 305
OG R.J. Polley, South Dakota, Sr., 6-6, 320
OG Joe Kleason, North Dakota, Soph., 6-4, 290
C Tim Ross, South Dakota, Jr., 6-2, 286
Tie Geoff Hyde, Cal Poly, Jr., 6-2, 255
Ian McGurran, North Dakota, Jr., 6-2, 296
QB Andre Broadus, Cal Poly, Jr., 6-0, 205
RB Marcus Sims, South Dakota, Jr., 5-10, 196
RB Mark Rodgers, Cal Poly, Sr., 5-8, 180
FB Daryl Brown, Southern Utah, Sr., 6-1, 235

DEFENSE

DE Kyle Murphy, Cal Poly, Sr., 6-4, 260
DE Tommy Grillo, UC Davis, Sr., 6-1, 245
DT David Giese, South Dakota, Jr., 6-3, 280
DT Sullivan Grosz, Cal Poly, Soph., 6-4, 265
OLB Herman Sword, Southern Utah, Sr., 5-11, 215
OLB Johnny Millard, Cal Poly, Soph., 6-3, 230
ILB Kenneth Jackson, Cal Poly, Jr., 6-0, 230
ILB Dan Hendrickson, North Dakota, Sr., 6-0, 234
CB Jonathan Perkins, UC Davis, Soph., 5-11, 177
CB Marquis Butler, South Dakota, Sr., 6-1, 191
FS Jim Thompson, South Dakota, Sr., 6-1, 212
SS Shane Potter, South Dakota, Sr., 6-2, 207

SPECIAL TEAMS

K Zeb Miller, North Dakota, Soph., 6-1, 209
P Colton Schmidt, UC Davis, Jr., 5-11, 200
KR Mark Rodgers, Cal Poly, Sr., 5-8, 180
PR Jeremy Blount, South Dakota, Sr., 5-8, 159
LS Walter Reed, South Dakota, Jr., 6-0, 247

ILB: Jordan Glass, UC Davis, Jr., 6-2, 240

CB: Daryl Brown, North Dakota, RFr., 5-10, 161

FS: Justin Belotti, North Dakota, Sr., 5-11, 198; Kevyn Lewis, UC Davis, Jr., 5-11, 200

P: Tate Lewis, Southern Utah, Fr., 6-6, 220

KR: Jeremy Blount, South Dakota, Sr., 5-8, 159

PR: Brady Measom, Southern Utah, Fr., 5-9, 165; Erik Mersereau, North Dakota, Jr., 6-0, 207